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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 21 January 1954, the Fridericus Kaserne, Neuruppin, was occupied to capacity as previously. About 10 troops were attending to 4 JS-2 tanks in a shed and about 20 troops received instruction on JS-3 tanks

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in the area in the rear of the installation.

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these troops were recruits.

2. On 21 January, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne was occupied as previously. On 19 and 20 January, about 140 troops were drilling and about 50 troops received instruction on 4 guns in the barracks yard. On 19 and 21 January, 2 trucks towing AA guns left the installation, returning in the evening.

3. On 15 January, the post hospital was occupied as previously by the Hq 12th Gds Tank Div. Colonel Momotenko (fmu) had returned from leave, during which he had been promoted to the rank of colonel.

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4. [REDACTED] the hospital on Neu-staedter Strasse was occupied by a new unit, in addition to Unit Yakov previously observed there. Major Mishchikhin (fmu) was supply officer of the new unit.

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5. [REDACTED] a building 25X1 with 54 apartments for officer families from Fridericus Kaserne was to be built on Alt-Ruppiner Allee.

6. On 14 January, the See Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few with tank and artillery insignia. About 200 troops received field training in the area between the installation and the lake. About 20 troops with 3 x 120-mm mortars left the installation for the abovementioned area.

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7. On 14 January, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few with artillery insignia. About 30 to 40 troops received instruction on 6 x 37-mm AA guns in the barracks yard. Little training, including drill and infantry training in groups of about 30 troops, was observed on the other days of observation.

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8. On 14 January, a column of about 18 driving school trucks [redacted] was observed in Neuruppin.

9. On 23 January, the Fridericus Kaserne was occupied as previously. On 20 January, an undetermined number of troops practiced aiming on 3 x 37-mm AA guns in the barracks yard. T-34/85 tank [redacted] was seen in a shed and JSU-122 guns [redacted] were seen in another shed.

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10. At about 1:30 p.m. on 21 January, 3 tank cars with fuel were unloaded at the Paulinenau railroad station. The fuel was shipped toward Fridericus Kaserne by tank trucks [redacted]

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Comment. Compared with observations in early January, the information does not indicate any change in the distribution of units of the 12th Gds Tank Div in Neuruppin prior to 21 January. [redacted] The information fails to indicate in the See Kaserne the 186th Gds Sig Bn [redacted] of the division which, since recently, has been carried there. Weapons observed confirm the 75th AAA Regt [redacted] and the 226th Mort Regt in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne and the See Kaserne respectively. Unit Yakov in the hospital on Neustaedterstrasse is mentioned for the first time.

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[redacted] the Hq 12th Gds Tank Div with the known Colonel Momotenko (fmu) until 15 January 1954.

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